

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kashima et al.

Serial No.: 09/870,009 Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: May 30, 2001 Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR IDENTIFYING A SOURCE OF GENETIC
INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 5, 8-12 and 15-27 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 5, 8, 11-12, 15-16, 23-24 and 27 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 5, 8, 11-12 and 15 are independent.

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